

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD BY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE. { CONTINUED ON PAGE 11.

THE CAPTURE OF LADYSMITH

The Announcement in Paris Paper Causes Anxiety in London.

SPOILED YANKEE MEAT

Notwithstanding Heavy Bombardment of Mafeking by the Boers the English Garrison Holds the Town—Skirmishing at Different Points Reported—Rations of Embalmed Meat Labeled New York, 1899, Thrown Overboard.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) London, Nov. 15.—A Paris paper to-day gleefully announces the fall and capture of Ladysmith, but reports from this source no longer cause a ripple of excitement. Nevertheless, there will be considerably anxiety here until the War Office or some independent version of the latest developments at Ladysmith is known.

AT MAFEKING.
A private message from Mafeking reports that all was well there Monday, November 6. The details of the fighting at Mafeking received by way of Cape Town and Magalapa, relate to the engagement of October 25, already reported. The story, however, is pleasant reading to the British, as it shows the garrison was cheerful, well provisioned and confident.

HEAVY CANNONADING.
Cape Town, Nov. 10.—(Friday)—A dispatch received here from Pretoria, under date of Thursday, November 9, says the reports received there from Ladysmith said heavy cannonading started at daybreak, but some of the Boer forces were within 1,500 yards of the British when the cannonading ceased and rifle fire commenced.

An undated dispatch from Mafeking, received by runner, via Magalapa, Wednesday, November 8, says:
"To-day all is quiet. We have been bombarded pretty heavily all week."
"Friday night Captain Fitz-Clarence and Lieutenant Swinburn, with D Squadron of the protectorate regiment, made a magnificent bayonet charge upon the Boer entrenchment, driving them from their positions and bayoneting numbers of the Boers, who must have lost heavily. The party could not hold the trenches and lost six men killed, two prisoners and nine wounded in their retreat."

GENERAL ATTACK EXPECTED.
"We expect a general attack to-morrow. The bombardment has been most ineffectual. Every one remains under shell-proof cover. So far the shells have only wounded one man. The enemy are using one 94-pound Howitzer, and seven other guns, from 7 to 14-pounders. The town is most cheerful and determined to resist attack to the utmost. The Boers are entrenched on every side in great numbers and are pushing gradually closer to the town fortifications. We are well off for provisions and water, though very tired, dodging shells and fighting."

Quite on civilized lines, General Cronje has always given due notice of a bombardment, and allowed an ambulance party two hours, Saturday, to recover the bodies of six dead left in the vicinity of the Boer trenches. Friday night, Jan. Botha, the well-known Boer commandant, told a man with the ambulance party that their loss had been heavy and that his heart was very sore.

"The wounded include Captain Fitz-Clarence and Lieut. Swinburn, both slightly."

"In a skirmish at the outposts yesterday, one trooper was killed and nine were wounded."

SMALL ATTACKING PARTY.

"Only fifty-five men of D Squadron were engaged in the attack, though they were assisted by the flanking fire of a gun of the Cape police. The Boers made a desperate attempt to drive back the British and their rear trenches opened a terrific fire, in every direction, the flash of the rifles lighting up the entire position. A hail of bullets rattled on the roofs of the houses of the town. Upon completing a circuit of the Boer front and the line of trenches the British withdrew in independent lines of retreat, covered by the flank fire from the Cape police. The Boers continued to volley at killed and wounded. The Boer commander informed an officer in charge of a flag of truce that he estimated the attacking squadron at one thousand and he was not aware that the British force at Mafeking was so large."

ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS.

London, Nov. 15.—It was officially announced this afternoon that the British troop ship Goorkha, with the First Brigade staff, the Third Battalion of Grenadiers and a detachment of the Royal Engineers; the transport Manila, with the Second Devonshires and the transport Nomadic, with the remounts, have arrived at Cape Town.

EMBALMED BEEF OVERBOARD.

A letter in the Times, written by an

officer on board the transport Nubia, asserts that "1,000 rations of salt carion, labelled 'New York, 1899,' had to be thrown overboard, as it was full of disease," adding:
"They only salt down the very worst portions of very inferior beasts and pigs."

RASCALLY CONTRACTORS.

This has aroused a storm of indignation against the "rascally contractors and incapable admiralty transport officers who allowed filthy, salted briskeet beef to be furnished to the troops."
The War Office has accepted a gift of 10,000 plum puddings for the troops in South Africa. These puddings will aggregate upwards of ten tons in weight.

SLIGHT SKIRMISHING.

Cape Town, Friday, Nov. 10.—A dispatch from Bulawayo, dated Friday, November 3d, says an armored train proceeded south close to Mafeking, where a culvert was found damaged.

The Basuto police, the dispatch adds, report that a party of Boers have been looting and damaging property.
A fort Tull dispatch, under date of Friday, November 3d, says:
"There is great activity in the Boer camp south of here. A reconnoitering party sent along the line heard heavy firing in the distance."

The party returned to Colonel Spreckley's camp, on which the enemy was advancing in force. It was shelled at midday, stampeding every horse and mule, but not touching a man. The Boers number four hundred.

"It appears the Boers surrounded Bich Sea, where a small party stubbornly resisted, ultimately retreating to the bush and gaining Fort Tull."

"An officer and five troopers are missing from Spreckley's force, which has been out some days reconnoitering the enemy's force, and which had several skirmishes on returning to Fort Tull."

BLOODY SHOOTING AFFRAY.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S DISPENSARY LAW LEADS TO TROUBLE.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 15.—As a result of the recent factional differences in the State Board of Liquor Control, there was last night a bloody shooting affray at Sellers, a railroad station in Marion county, near the home of J. Dudley Hazelden, ex-chairman and now a member of the State Board. There was a general fusillade, pistols, a Winchester and a shot gun being brought into play. As a result Ben Sellers is perhaps mortally wounded in the abdomen, and his father, John C. Sellers, is seriously hurt with a Winchester ball in his shoulder.

Hazelden has a ball in his leg, his brother, Luther M. Hazelden, first adjutant South Carolina Volunteers, is slightly wounded in the side and their brother-in-law, Dr. H. A. Edwards, formerly State inspector of dispensaries, is sprinkled with bird shot; J. Aubrey Evans, a farmer, wholesale liquor salesman and cousin of Hazelden, was unhurt.

HOT WORDS EXCHANGED.

Yesterday morning Hazelden taxed Ben Sellers with being the author of a letter charging Hazelden with official and personal impropriety in receiving whiskey in quantity from wholesale houses and using it in a questionable manner. This letter had been published in connection with other bitter articles in the recent dispensary wrangle. There were hot words, but no fight yesterday.

Last night Hazelden and his three friends were driving through Sellers' Station when they met Ben Sellers. Information is meagre and it is not known who precipitated the difficulty. Ben Sellers was shot and his father ran to his rescue. The other three parties were with Hazelden in buggies.

NO FATALITIES.

As yet no fatalities have resulted. Hazelden was unable to attend a meeting of the State Board to-day, called for the purpose of giving a hearing to Commissioner Douthit, discharged withing a hearing by the Hazelden, or majority faction, of the board. The courts ordered him to have a hearing by the board.

The discharge of Douthit and his clerk, D. A. G. Ousts, the result of bitter feeling in the board, led to long and scandalous controversies in the press between Ousts and Hazelden, which indirectly caused the bloody affair yesterday. The people of South Carolina are greatly perplexed over the dispensary problem.

HON. W. J. BRYAN.

TO THE MARYLAND DEMOCRATIC (SILVER) ASSOCIATION.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 15.—The Executive Committee of the Maryland Democratic (Silver) Association made public yesterday the following reply to their congratulatory telegram to W. J. Bryan:

"To the Members of the Association:

"I am greatly obliged to you for the congratulations sent through your Executive Committee. The fight in Nebraska was made on national issues and the result is gratifying. The returns from other States indicate a growing opposition to Republican policies. We are much pleased to see that Maryland is again in the Democratic column and ready for the contest of 1900."

"Very truly yours,
"W. J. BRYAN."

The association's officers report it to be in a flourishing condition.

SALE OF DISMAL SWAMP CANAL

New York Syndicate Anxious to Obtain Control of Property.

IT WILL BE IMPROVED

The Baltimore Banker Who Financed the Company Admits that Negotiations are Pending, but Declines to Go Into Details—Proposition to Make Canal Navigable for Larger Vessels Than Now Fly It.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Baltimore, Nov. 15.—Negotiations are pending for the sale of the Lake Drummond Canal and Water Company, which owns and operates the Dismal Swamp Canal, which was formally opened for traffic last month. A New York syndicate is anxious to secure control of the property, and has made

CORRESPONDENTS ARE HELD DOWN

Otis Will Not Permit Newspaper Men to Wire Facts.

A FRUITLESS ADVANCE

The Names of Killed and Wounded Eliminated from Press Reports of Engagement With Filipinos—General Hughes' Advance from Iloilo Impeded by Ruins—Landing of Arms and Ammunition.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, Nov. 15.—The dispatches from Manila yesterday referred to "Major Marsh" as commanding the left battalion of the Thirty-third Regiment, commanded by Colonel Luther R. Hare, in the sharp engagement with the insurgents near San Fabian, Saturday. The officer is Major Peyton C. March, formerly captain of the Astor

southern coast, and also Cordova, in the interior. The enemy did not oppose General Hughes' advance.

ORDERS FROM AGUINALDO.

Recent orders from Aguinaldo found in the trenches said:
"Do not oppose the American's advance. Burn the villages as they are evacuated. Divide the forces into bands of forty. Harass the Americans on every occasion."

Araneta, the rebel leader of the Island of Panay, was captured at Tagbayan while attempting to pass the lines into Iloilo.

Two battalions of the Twenty-sixth will garrison Iloilo and Jaro. San Miguel, visible from Iloilo, has been burned by the rebels.

FILIPINOS SECURE ARMS.

It is reported that an expedition, evading the navy, recently landed arms and ammunition on the Antique coast, and that the rebels threaten opposition with an armed force of 3,000 men. These stories are not believed.

All ports of the Sulu Islands outside of the American possessions, have been ordered closed to commerce.

CAPTAIN HARRIS DEAD.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—A dispatch from Manila, announces the death of Captain Magnus O. Harris, Fourth Infantry, who died of dysentery in the hospital. He was appointed to West Point from Newnan, Ga.

TREATMENT OF SPANISH PRISONERS.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—The President is making efforts to secure the protection of the Spanish prisoners with the insurgents in the Philippines. A cable message has been sent to General Otis and by him forwarded to General MacArthur, with instructions to get it to Aguinaldo, if possible, relating to this subject. The President requests the kindly and humane treatment of the Spanish prisoners, and the message also contains an intimation that any of the insurgents responsible for the ill-treatment of such prisoners will be held to strict account when they are taken by the United States force operating in the islands.

SCHOONER EDNA WRECKED.

THE CAPTAIN'S WIFE AND CREW LOST.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 15.—Private advices received here to-day from St. Pierre, Miquelon, a seaport on the New Foundland coast, telling of the wreck of the Philadelphia and Baltimore schooner Edna and Emma, and the loss of the captain, his wife and the crew of five men.

The Edna and Emma sailed from Wilmington, N. C., on April 14 with a cargo of lumber for Baltimore and this city. Months having elapsed and no word of the vessel's whereabouts having been received, she was given up for lost. Recently she was towed into St. Pierre, bottom up. When the ship was righted in the cabin were found the bodies of Captain Richardson and his wife. A water stained diary kept by the captain gave meagre information concerning the disaster. The record stated that the Edna and Emma had experienced good weather until May 1, when a fierce northeast storm overtook her and she was dismasted. Later the rudder became jammed and in this disabled condition the schooner was driven about at the mercy of the wind and waves. One by one the members of the crew were washed overboard, and Captain Richardson and his wife sought refuge in the cabin.

At this point the story of the diary ends. Owing to the illegibility of some portions of the handwriting the point at which the Edna and Emma met with the disaster could not be learned.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION CONVENES IN COLUMBUS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 15.—The fifth annual convention of the National Municipal League and the seventh national conference for good city government, opened in this city to-day. Over 200 delegates are present, the gathering being a most representative one, being composed, as it is, of city officials and municipal authorities from all over the country.

It is called for the purpose of discussing questions of importance to municipalities. The dominant feature of the discussion will be the "municipal program," the report on which, however, will not be formally presented until Friday afternoon.

The report of the Secretary, Clinton Rogers Woodruff, of Philadelphia, came first.

The report of the Treasurer, George Burnham, Jr., of Philadelphia, showed receipts for the year of \$2,454.

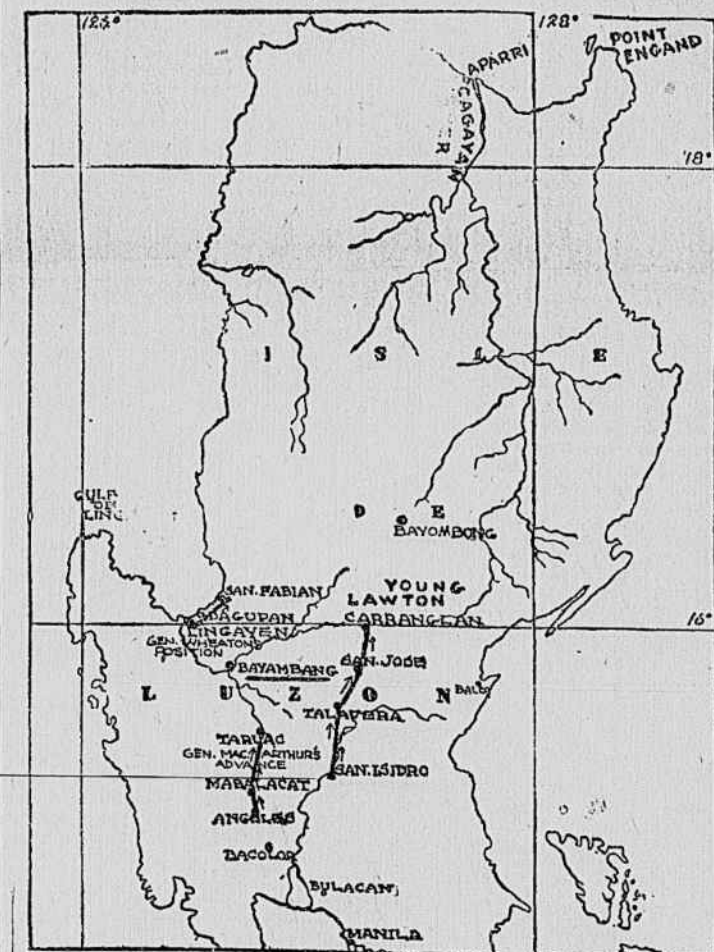
Dr. D. F. Wilcox, of Michigan, read a paper on "An Examination of the Proposed Municipal Program."

MR. FRED GREENWOOD.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

The Virginian-Pilot this morning received information from Richmond that Mr. Fred Greenwood, of this city, was last night elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Virginia.

This will be agreeable news to the many friends of Mr. Greenwood in Norfolk, as well as throughout Virginia.



MAP SHOWING HOW AGUINALDO IS BEING SURROUNDED.

The illustration shows the location of the American troops which, it is generally thought, have succeeded in surrounding Aguinaldo and his own detachment, which is nothing more than a large bodyguard. When the American troops land at Aparri, Aguinaldo's forces should be between five bodies of American troops, those of Lawton, Young, Wheaton, MacArthur and the Aparri expedition.

an offer for the purchase of the securities of the company.

AN ADMISSION.

A formal offer, it is said, has been made to Alexander Brown & Sons, who financed the company. When asked about rumors of a consummation of a deal with the New Yorkers to-day, Mr. Brown admitted that a deal is pending, but declined to go into details. The total capitalization of the company is \$2,200,000, of which \$1,200,000 is first mortgage five per cent. thirty year gold bonds and \$1,000,000 common stock.

SURVEYED BY WASHINGTON.

The canal was originally surveyed by George Washington and was constructed early in the century. It was taken possession of by the Government during the civil war, at the close of which it was returned to the Dismal Swamp Canal Company in a dilapidated condition.

The Lake Drummond Canal and Water Company acquired the property, franchises and privileges and rehabilitated the waterway. The Dismal Swamp Canal begins in the State of Virginia on the south branch of the Elizabeth River, about six miles from Norfolk, and extends in a southerly direction about twenty miles to the Pamunkey River in the State of North Carolina.

The canal is one of a chain of inland waterways, extending along the Atlantic coast from Cape Cod, Mass., to Wilmington, N. C., through Long

Battery, and later on General MacArthur's staff.

OTIS AS CENSOR.

Owing to the character of the censorship at Manila, General Otis not permitting the sending of the names of the killed and wounded, a full account of the engagement near San Fabian was cabled, but the correspondents were not permitted to send the name of Major John A. Logan, killed in action, or those of the others killed or wounded.

A FRUITLESS ADVANCE.

Manila, Nov. 15.—11 p. m.—General Hughes, with parts of the Nineteenth and Twenty-sixth Regiments, moved from Iloilo, Thursday, November 9, to Otton, six miles west, for the purpose of capturing Santa Barbara, the rebel stronghold ten miles north of Iloilo. Heavy rains preceded the movement, and the roads were, in places, impassable.

The same night Colonel Carpenter, with the Eighteenth Regiment and Battery G., of the Sixth Artillery, moved westerly from Jaro to connect with General Hughes. Colonel Carpenter was forced to return to Jaro on account of the roads, and the entire movement was hampered by lack of proper transportation.

Company C., of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, had the only fighting. When three miles out of Jaro this company charged the rebel trenches and three of the enemy were killed. One American was wounded.

General Hughes, November 12, occupied Tagbayan and Guimbal, on the

THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Session Opened Yesterday.

BISHOP A. W. WILSON

The Lord's Supper Administered—

Lay Delegate Called Away by Misfortune—Detained at Home by Ill Health—Standing Committees Named Questions and Communications—The Opening Sermon.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 15, 1899.—The Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its 117th annual session in the Washington Street Church at 9 a. m., to-day.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, who read the 10th chapter of St. Luke.

The 210th hymn "And Are We Yet Alive" was sung, and the Bishop offered a powerful prayer for the spread of the gospel over all lands and the establishing of His Kingdom over all the earth.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper followed, the Bishop being assisted in the administration by the following elders: Revs. William F. Bain, W. C. Vaden, Thomas H. Campbell, and Dr. W. E. Jenkins.

THE BUSINESS SESSION.

The business session of the conference began at 10:15 by the secretary of the last conference, Rev. Dr. Paul Whitehead calling the roll of clerical and lay delegates.

When the name of lay delegate E. G. Mossy, of the Danville District, was reached, his Presiding Elder, Rev. W. P. Wright, reported that Mr. Mossy was present early this morning, but a telegram announcing the total destruction of his tobacco factory last night, necessitated his enforced absence from the session to-day.

Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., was selected secretary of the conference for the 42d term, and his nominators, Rev. S. S. Lambeth, D. D., and Rev. George F. Greene, were elected assistants.

On motion of Rev. George W. Wray, it was decided to assemble at 9:30 a. m., adjourn at 1:30 p. m. daily.

Rev. Thos. H. Campbell announced that Rev. Jos. H. Riddick, Presiding Elder of the Farmville District, would not be present on account of his feeble condition and had requested that he represent his district for him.

Rev. Asa Driscoll was appointed postmaster for the conference.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were announced:

Sunday School Board—C. D. Crawley, Dr. G. Anthony, L. W. Lane, Jr., W. H. Stivett, G. L. Hunter, C. F. Comer, Charles Forbes, James T. Minor, T. J. Wray, J. W. Parish, P. J. Amis, John O. Moss, E. T. Dammun, R. B. Hartley, T. O. Edwards, W. H. Vincent, George H. Spooner, E. J. Whitehurst, George W. Jones, J. W. Price.

Publishing Interests—J. S. Wallace, L. M. Dance, E. H. Rawlings, Richard Irby, W. M. Hayes, R. O. Peatross, J. Q. Rhodes, W. J. Kidd, W. A. Christian, E. J. Evans, S. H. Johnson, Dr. E. Williams, T. McSimpson, H. E. Barrow, W. T. Green, Dr. A. W. Eley, W. G. Boggs, J. B. Harrison, R. H. Bennett, A. R. Griffith, W. P. Wise.

On Memoirs—J. J. Lafferty to write the memoir of Rev. George E. Booker, D. D.

Rev. B. S. Herrick to write Rev. John McClelland's.

Rev. D. W. Reed's by Rev. J. C. Reed.

Rev. W. A. Robinson's by Rev. Jos. H. Amis.

Rev. James A. Riddick's by Dr. Whitehead.

Rev. W. A. Smith's by Dr. W. W. Royal.

Rev. Dr. Sledd's by Dr. Whitehead.

Rev. John K. Clayton's by Rev. W. Asbury Christian.

Public Worship—The presiding elder and the pastors of the Methodist Churches in the city and Ettrick.

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